Ngoya language

Ngoya, also known as **Pala** (Kibala, Ipala), is a newly recognized language of Angola that since ca. 2010 has been used for national radio broadcasts. It had previously been considered a dialect of Kimbundu without any linguistic evidence, and appears to be transitional between Kimbundu and Umbundu.

Nyoya is spoken in Cuanza Sul between Songo to the north and Umbundu to the south.

The name "Ngoya" is an Umbundu word meaning "savage". The endonym is *Pala*, which with the noun-class-7 prefix is *Ípàlà*. It is frequently rendered as *Kibala*, which is the Kimbundu form.[1]

Ngoya	
Kibala	
Ipala	
Native to	Angola
Region	northeast Cuanza Sul Province
Native speakers	100,000 (2013)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Southern Bantoid ▪ Bantu ▪ (transitional between zones Zone H and Zone R) ▪ **Ngoya**
Official status	
Recognised minority language in	Angola
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	*None* (mis)
Glottolog	*None*
Guthrie code	none[2]

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